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SUBJECT: TURKISH STATEMENT ON TERRORIST ATTACKS ON
TURKISH AMBASSADORS

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1. THERE FOLLOWS AN INFORMAL MISSION TRANSLATION OF A
STATEMENT BY KIRCA (TURKEY) AT JUNE 12 NAC MEETING RE-
GARDING TERRORIST ATTACKS ON TURKISH AMBASSADORS. KIRCA
ASCRIBED MOST OF THESE ATTACKS TO ARMENIAN CLANDESTINE
ORGANIZATIONS AND CALLED FOR ALLIED COOPERATION AND EX-
CHANGE OF INFORMATION IN NATO SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THESE
PROBLEMS.

2. THE SYG, US, UK, FRG, ITALIAN AND FRENCH PERMREPS
EXPRESSED GENERAL CONCERN AND SYMPATHY REGARDING ATTACKS
ON TURKISH REPRESENTATIVES. PERMREPS WHO RESPONDED
ASSURED KIRCA HIS PROPOSALS WOULD BE REPORTED TO THEIR
AUTHORITIES.

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- AS YOU KNOW, MR. CHAIRMAN, H.E.M.T. CARIM, TURKISH
AMBASSADOR TO THE HOLY SEE, WAS RECENTLY, TO OUR GREAT
REGRET, THE VICTIM OF AN ATTACK UPON HIS LIFE. THIS
ATTACK, WHICH PROVOKED A PROFOUND REACTION IN ALL CIVILI-
ZED COUNTRIES, IS ADDED TO THE LINKS MAKING UP THE CHAIN
OF ASSASSINATIONS DIRECTED AGAINST TURKISH DIPLOMATS AND
CONSULS WHICH BEGAN ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO IN LOS ANGELES

WHERE TWO OF OUR COLLEAGUES LOST THEIR LIVES AND HAS BEEN PROLONGED IN THE MEANTIME IN VIENNA, PARIS AND BEIRUT, TAKING THE LIVES OF THE TWO AMBASSADORS AND ONE FIRST SECRETARY. BOMB ATTACKS WERE ALSO PERPETRATED AGAINST THE PREMISES OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF TURKEY IN ZURICH, AT SIRHECI STATION AND AT THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OF YESILIKOY IN ISTANBUL.

- IT IS KNOWN, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT MOST OF THESE SAVAGE MURDERS WERE THE WORK OF ARMENIAN CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATIONS. THE RECENT DISCOVERIES OF THE SWISS SECURITY AND THE FINDINGS EMANATING FROM THESE SAME ORGANIZATIONS PROVE IT SUFFICIENTLY. I WILL SPEAK BUT LITTLE OF THE EXTRAVAGANT ARGUMENTS BEHIND WHICH THESE CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATIONS RETREAT AND THE MURDERERS THEY EMPLOY, NOR OF THE FALLACIOUS PURPOSES THEY DREAM OF ATTAINING THROUGH THEIR CRIMINAL ACTIONS. THEIR ARGUMENTS AND MOTIVES ARE SO GROUNDLESS AND LACK SUCH A MINIMUM OF SERIOUSNESS THAT THEY ARE NOT WORTH THE COUNCIL'S TIME.

- TURKEY, OUT OF PATIENCE, IS PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF PUTTING AN END TO THIS SAVAGENESS. HOWEVER, MY GOVERNMENT DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO CALL THE ATTENTION OF THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF OUR ALLIANCE TO IT AND TO APPEAL FOR ATLANTIC SOLIDARITY.

- IT IS ONLY TOO EVIDENT--AND I AM CERTAIN THAT YOU YOURSELF, MR. CHAIRMAN AND ALL MY COLLEAGUES GATHERED TO--
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GETHER AROUND THIS TABLE WILL AGREE--THAT IT IS HIGH TIME TO COORDINATE OUR ACTIONS IN ORDER NOT TO PERMIT FURTHER PROLONGATION OF THIS CHAIN OF ASSASSINATIONS AND TO TURN ALL OUR EFFORTS TO STRIPPING IT. IN THIS CONTEXT, I WANT TO EXPRESS MY PROFOUND CONVICTION THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER IT AS AN ESSENTIAL DUTY INCUMBENT ON ALL THE ALLIED NATIONS TO MAKE THE MAXIMUM OF EFFORTS SO AS TO PREVENT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS ON THEIR TERRITORY, ABUSING OF THE FREEDOMS AND PROFITING FROM THE GENEROUS OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED TO THEM BY THE DEMOCRATIC ORDER ESTABLISHED THEREIN IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT TO TAKE THE LIVES OF THE NATIONALS AND, IN PARTICULAR, OF THE DIPLOMATS AND CONSULS OF AN ALLIED NATION. THE SOURCE OF THE THREAT DIRECTED AGAINST THE TURKISH DIPLOMATS AND CONSULS BEING SUFFICIENTLY KNOWN, MY GOVERNMENT IS CONVINCED THAT ITS ALLIES WILL ACT WITH THE REQUIRED DETERMINATION IN VIEW OF ELIMINATING COMPLETELY ALL THE CENTERS OF INFECTION.

- MR. CHAIRMAN, ONE OF THE MEASURES WE HOPE OUR ALLIES WILL TAKE FOR THIS PURPOSE WOULD CONSIST IN SENDING OUT APPROPRIATE WARNINGS TO THE LEGAL ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS

ASSOCIATIONS ESTABLISHED ON THEIR TERRITORIES MAKING THEM UNDERSTAND THAT THEY AND THEIR ADHERENTS MUST NOT COUNT ON THEIR SUPPORT FOR ACHIEVING PURPOSES WHICH, WHILE BEING COMPLETELY LACKING IN ANY REALISM AND WITHOUT ANY RELATION TO THE MEANING OF HISTORY, HENCE IN ONE WORD RIDICULOUS, ARE NONETHELESS DIRECTED AGAINST THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF AN ALLIED NATION. THE TURKISH HOMELAND AND THE PRESENT REPUBLICAN AND LAY STATE ARE THE RESULT OF IMMEASURABLE SACRIFICES OF THE TURKISH NATION TAKEN TO DEFEAT NOT ONLY

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EXTERNAL PLOTS BUT ALSO THE INTERNAL TREASONS DIRECTED AGAINST IT. THIS STATE IS YOUR ALLY, AS IT HAD ITSELF ASSERTED BY ATATURK, ITS FOUNDER, ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE. IT THEREFORE EXPECTS THAT ITS ALLIES WILL MAKE IT THEIR DUTY TO DISCOURAGE AND BRING TO THEIR SENSES THOSE WHO COULD BE TEMPTED BY FOLLIES AIMING--EVEN UNREASONABLY--AT STRIKING AT ITS VERY FOUNDATIONS.

- FINALLY, WE WOULD ALSO HOPE FOR COOPERATION, BILATERAL AS WELL AS MULTILATERAL, ESPECIALLY IN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF NATO IN ORDER TO EXCHANGE IN GOOD TIME THE NECESSARY INFORMATION ON THE SCHEMING IN QUESTION. MY GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN THE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TURKISH SECURITY AUTHORITIES ALLOWING THEM TO SEEK ACTIVELY EFFICIENT CONTACTS WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES IN THE ALLIED NATIONS IN VIEW OF ENSURING THE MAXIMUM OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THEM ON THIS SUBJECT.

- WE ARE COUNTING ON THE ASSISTANCE OF OUR ALLIES SO THAT, STRENGTHENED BY THEIR SOLIDARITY, TURKEY CAN COPE

WITH THIS THREAT WHICH, AS I POINTED OUT AT THE BEGINNING
OF MY INTERVENTION, MY GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS IS BEING DIREC-
TED NOT ONLY AGAINST MY COUNTRY BUT ALSO AGAINST INTER-
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NATIONAL PUBLIC ORDER, THE PRECEPTS OF CIVILIZATION AND
HUMAN CONSCIENCE. END TEXT. BENNETT

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